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SUBJECT: KUWAIT JANUARY OIL PRODUCTION STATISTICS

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1. KUWAIT CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION DROPPED AGAIN IN JANUARY. TOTAL
DAILY PRODUCTION FOR THE MONTH WAS 63,120,302 BARRELS, A RATE
OF ABOUT 2 MILLION BPD. THIS WAS DOWN ABOUT 225,000 BPD FROM
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DECEMBER AND WAS ABOUT 28 PERCENT BELOW JANUARY 1974 WHEN

88 MILLION BARRELS WERE PRODUCED. COMPANY BREAKDOWN AS FOLLOWS:

COMPANY	TOTAL JAN 1974	TOTAL JAN 1975	CHANGE
KUWAIT OIL COMPANY	79,965,874	56,012,228	DOWN 30 PCT
AMINOIL	2,856,789	1,846,203	UP 55 PCT
ARABIAN OIL COMPANY (KUWAIT SHARES ONLY)	4,255,408	6,151,296	DOWN 31 PCT

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2. THE LARGEST IMPORTERS OF CRUDE FROM KUWAIT OIL COMPANY IN JANUARY WERE JAPAN (13.6 MILLION BARRELS), NETHERLANDS (10.3 MILLION BARRELS), SOUTH KOREA (4.9 MILLION BARRELS) AND UK (4.5 MILLION BARRELS. NONE WAS SHIPPED TO US BUT SOME 1.5 MILLION BARRELS WERE SHIPPED TO CANADA.

3. COMMENT: KUWAITI PRODUCTION HAS BEEN DROPPING OVER PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS AFTER REACHING RECENT PEAK IN NOVEMBER. THIS TENDS TO CORROBORATE STATEMENTS BY A SENIOR MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND OIL OFFICIAL MADE LATE LAST YEAR THAT KUWAIT WOULD REDUCE PRODUCTION TO 2 MILLION BPD LEVEL. TOO EARLY TO MAKE SUCH A JUDGEMENT, HOWEVER, SINCE FULL EFFECTS OF RECENT GOK DIRECT SALES EFFORTS NOT YET APPARENT. RECENT MAJOR SALES DEAL WITH SHELL AS WELL AS SIZEABLE SALES TO EXXON AND SEVERAL NATIONAL OIL COMPANIES COULD LEAD TO INCREASE IN PRODUCTION SOON. CURRENT POLICY IS TO GEAR PRODUCTION TO WHAT CAN BE SOLD SO THAT GENERAL MARKET FACTORS WILL ALSO REMAIN IMPORTANT. TALKS BETWEEN GOK AND GULF/BP RE SECOND QUARTER LIFTINGS EXPECTED TO BE CONCLUDED SOON, AND IF THESE TWO COMPANIES MAINTAIN PRESENT LEVEL OF LIFTINGS FROM KUWAIT, OVERALL PRODUCTION LIKELY TO INCREASE TO SATISFY NEW DIRECT-SALE CUSTOMERS.

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